(7) सड़क निर्माण पर विशेष जोर जिसके लिए डीजल पर एक रुपया प्रति लीटर अतिरिक्त प्रभार के रूप में वित्त सहायता दी गई है।

(8) लघु औद्योगिक इकाइयों के लिए ऋण बीमा योजना चलाई जानी है।

(9) गृह निर्माण क्षेत्र के लिए एक व्यापक पैकेज की घोषणा की गई है। गृह निर्माण में तेजी से सीमेंट इस्पात और अन्य निर्माण सामग्री की मांग में वृद्धि होगी।

बजट के बाद भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने निधियों की ब्याज लागत घटाने के लिए बैंक दर कम कर दी है, "रिपो" दर घटा दी है और सीआरआर कम कर दिया है।

Impact of freight hike on Industrial Units

2986. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent hike in freight will affect a large number of Industrial Units and consumable items;

(b) if so, the names of such Industrial Units and consumable items separately;

(c) whether Government propose to provide some relief to consumers in view of unconsiderable hike in freight;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) It is too early to ascertain the impact of the recent freight increase, as it took effect only from 1.4.1999. Whether it will affect the price of the product will depend upon the market conditions. In conditions of over supply, the increase could be partly or fully absorbed by the producers.

(c) to (e) No such proposal is under consideration.

Allocation under PMRY to Maharashtra

2987. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise grants allocated to Maharashtra under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana;

(b) whether any special consideration has been given in allotting such grants in Maharashtra to Adivasi areas;

(c) if so, the number of youths benefitted, district-wise in Maharashtra; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the mobilisation of funds to Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, States/UTs are allocated physical targets. The States then allocate district-wise targets. Government of India released funds to States/UTs depending on the achievements of allocated targets only for training purposes and contingencies. The States then incur expenditures for the above purposes.

Subsidy under the scheme is passed on to the Reserve Bank of India for onward disbursement to implementing banks. The statement showing the district-wise allocation of funds under contingencies for the last three years in Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, as reported by the State Government, is at Statement-I (*See* below). Training funds are not distributed district-wise, but monitored at the State level.

(b) As per report of the State Government, no special consideration has been made while allocating targets/grants to Adivasi areas in Maharashtra.

(c) Details showing district-wise physical targets and progress for the last three years i.e., 1995-96, 1996-97 and